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DR. STEWART M. ROBINSON  
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DEAR DR. ROBINSON:

I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE  
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SERMONS AND I HOPE THAT IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.  
IN THE MEANTIME, MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THIS NEW  
YEAR.

SINCERELY,

AD/RMD

8 January 1955

Mr. Alexander Davidson, jr.,

New York

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Thank you for your good wishes which I send on my behalf too. I was glad to see notice of the Willard sermon. Though attractive it does not particularly fit into my scheme.

Now I am combing Evans for everything by the parsons having to do with politics, government (including church government), election, fast, freeman's meetings, mercantile matters, trade, currency etc etc. A funeral sermon on a public man also often falls within my view.

Originals would be most acceptable, if they do not cost substantially more than the photo copies I can now get most expeditiously from the chief repositories.

If convenient I should greatly appreciate a check list giving only the Evans numbers which you have. I can quickly run down the comparison with my own want list. You need not even name the author or year. It may look like some cryptic message but will fully serve me and may save you a lot of bother.

Very sincerely,

STEWART M ROBINSON



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January 11, 1955.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,  
23 Kempshall Place,  
Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have followed your suggestion and I submit a list of Evans numbers. All of the enclosed should fall within your interest.

You emphasize your interest in the Middle and Southern Colonies. Two factors work against you here. If you will examine Evans, you will find that the printed sermon output of those areas was exceedingly slim. I am weak statistics wise but I would venture that the ratio of New England production to the rest of British America would run at least 8 or 10 to 1. The other factor is one of price and rarity. When one ventures south of Philadelphia, one finds a constant and lively demand for any sort of imprint. As a result, a Maryland, Virginia, Carolina or Georgia imprint will fetch a substantial price. I suggest that you may have to rely on the photostat for such material.

I will be glad to send any of these along for your inspection. And if I can be of any other service, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander Davidson



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23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

It is my distinct pleasure to endeavor to express to you the Society's sincere appreciation for your gift of twenty-five dollars. It was a most thoughtful and generous act on your part.

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Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

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*Barney Clusich*  
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Ed. 2. Phila., [1748] (25)

Ar49 Tennent, Gilbert  
T 29 A sermon preach'd at Burlington in New-Jersey ...  
Phila., 1749. (15)

Ar55 Barton, Thomas  
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Dear Mr Robinson

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Sincerely  
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January 20, 1955

Reverend Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

We have your letter of January 12th requesting negative photostats of a considerable number of 17th and early 18th century sermons listed in Evans Bibliography.

The Library does not have its own photostat services but arranges to have work done by an outside company. We are therefore returning to you here enclosed your check in the amount of \$150. which you sent us on account. As soon as it is possible to obtain an estimate of the cost of the photostating you will hear further in the matter from our Keeper of Rare Books. We shall proceed to place the order with the photostat company. The bill from the company will be sent to you directly with the completed work.

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The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,  
23, Kempshall Place,  
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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your two letters  
of December 28th and January 15th, also  
for your remittance of \$50.00 which has been  
placed to the credit of your account.

Photostats of the items by Thos.  
Cradock, James Sterling and John Burt,  
to which you find reference in Evans, are  
being put in hand. As the books are in  
the Museum, there is no difficulty in  
obtaining photostats.

The works of John Strype (1643-  
1737, ecclesiastical historian and  
biographer) were printed in 19 volumes by  
the Clarendon Press, but probably a complete  
run of the 19 - even if we could find one -  
would include a great deal of matter of no  
particular interest to you. His life of

J. Whitgift (Life and Acts of J. Whitgift)  
3 volumes, was reprinted in 1822 and  
his "Life & Acts of M. Parker", 3



vols. in 1821. Would you like us to search for these two titles? He also wrote lives of Cranmer (1694), Grindal (1710) and Sir John Cheke (1705).

We are still unable to get at the Dartmouth Papers but have not given up and hope eventually to find a means of softening the owner's heart. We will try Sir Kenneth Grubb.

Enclosed is a memo of the amount expended on a search for material in several likely places in London; nearly half the time was spent in the Public Record Office looking over such classes of material as seemed possible sources of letters to and from colonial clergy, but in vain. There is a great deal in Lambeth Palace which we think would interest you and we make a few suggestions on the attached sheet, though no item falls within the dates of 1774-1776 mentioned in your letter of Dec. 28th. Please let us know if you would like photostats of these suggested items.

We have just acquired a very interesting volume comprising five scarce items by Thomas Coke, together with an autograph letter of his. We are giving you the first refusal of this item, of which we enclose a full description.

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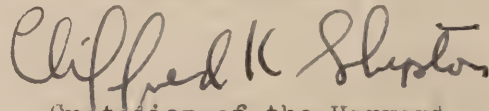
Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The reprints you ask for are not under my jurisdiction, so I am turning your letter of January 14 over to the photostatic department of the University.

You might be interested in the fact that the American Antiquarian Society has announced a project to reprint in microprint form the full text of every Evans item. Unfortunately it will not be possible to sell the prints of individual items until the entire project has been completed, in about ten years.

Sincerely yours,



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January 24, 1955

Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have made a hasty collation and found pages 45 and 46 missing from Nathaniel Chauncey's election sermon, and also that the photostater had inadvertently omitted Hall's sermon, 1746. These will be sent along in a few days.

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January 25, 1955

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT  
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Your letter of January 15 addressed to the Union Catalogue has been referred to this Division of the Library for report. We have checked the Library's annotated copy of Evans' bibliography and find approximately thirty of the titles that you sent here for checking. These are available in the collections of this Division and may be reproduced photographically; a sample order blank is enclosed.

For further information concerning these early American imprints we suggest you direct an inquiry to Mr. Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. Shipton should be able to furnish you locations for many of the remaining titles which are not available in the collections of the Library of Congress.

We are returning the list submitted with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick R. Goff", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frederick R. Goff

Chief

Rare Books Division

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
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## Items for which Evans gives no locations.

- Evans Vol. 1 15 Mather, Richard. Mass. election sermon. 1644.  
(Doubtful if ever printed) *No copy known*
- 26 Cobbet, Thomas. Mass. election sermon. 1649.  
(No copy in print is known) *T. J. Holmes, Memoirs of Mather, p. 26*
- 62 Mather, Richard. Mass election sermon. 1660. *No copy known, did*
- X90 Norton, John. Election sermon, Mass. 1661. (pr. 1664)
- X192 Mather, Increase. Day of trouble. Fast sermon, Dec. 11, 1673. (printed 1674)
- 230 Hooker, Samuel. Election sermon, Conn. May 10, 1677. *Boston Public*
- 298 Brimsmead, William. Mass. election sermon. 1681.  
(No copy in print is known.)
- 360 Hale, John. Mass. election sermon. 1684.  
(Probably not printed)
- 398 Wakeman, Samuel. Election sermon, Conn. May 14, 1685.
- 421 Whiting, John. Election sermon, Conn. May 13, 1686.
422. Wigglesworth, Michael. Mass. election sermon, May 12, 1686.  
(Doubtful that it was ever printed)
- X488 Mather, Cotton. Souldiers counselled and comforted. Sept. 1, 1689.
- X562 Mather, Cotton. Artillery-election sermon, 1691. *Actually only an imperfect copy of Evans 1958 (4)*  
(No perfect copy known) *Belcher, Cotton Mather, p. 438.*
- 625 Moodey, Joshua. Election sermon, May 4, 1692.  
(Publication doubtful)
- 753 Mather, Cotton. Cry against oppression. 1696.  
*No copy known, Holmes, CM, no 77.*
- 812 Saltonstall, Gurdon. Election sermon, Conn. May 13, 1697.
- 873 Mather, Cotton. Decennium Luctuosum (War with Indian Salvages, 1688-1698) *Boston Athenaeum of Holmes, Cotton Mather, no 89*
- 895 Russell, Samuel. Conn. election sermon. 1699.
- 947 Pierson, Abraham. Conn. election sermon. 1700.
- 958 Wadsworth, Benjamin. Artillery-election sermon, Boston, June 3, 1700.  
*See 562 above*
- 968 Belcher, Joseph. Election sermon, Mass. May 28, 1701.
- 979 Hooker, Samuel. Conn. election sermon, May, 1693.  
(Ordered printed in 1701, but doubtful that it was ever done)

Items for which Evans gives no locations.

Evans Vol. 1 1016 Pemberton, Ebenezer. Artillery-election sermon, Boston,  
June 2, 1701.

1100 Wadsworth, Benjamin. King William lamented in America. 1702  
(printed 1703)

1145 Rawson, Grindall. Artillery-election sermon, Boston,  
June 7, 1703.

X1202 Bridge, Thomas. Artillery-election sermon, Boston, June 7,  
1705.

1289 Belcher, Samuel. Election sermon, Mass. May 28, 1707.

X1346 Colman, Benjamin. Piety and duty of rulers...June 10, 1708.

1427 Pemberton, Ebenezer. Artillery-election sermon. Mass. 1709.

X1442 Adams, Eliphalet. Conn. election sermon, May 11, 1710.

X1448 Bridge, Thomas. Jethro's advice...to chuse well qualified  
men...for town officers. Jan. 9, 1710.

X1484 Pemberton, Ebenezer. Election sermon, Mass. May 31, 1710.

1495 Buckingham, Stephen. Conn. election sermon, May 10, 1711.

X1512 Mather, Increase. Burnings bewailed (Boston fire, Oct. 2, 1711)

1536 Walter, Nehemiah. Artillery-election sermon, Mass. 1711.  
(printed 1712)

1593 Woodward, John. Election sermon, Conn. May 8, 1712.

1598 Bulkley, John. Election sermon, Conn. May 14, 1713.

1623 Mather, Cotton. Man of his word...April 11, 1713.

1674 Danforth, Samuel. Election sermon, Mass. May 26, 1714.

1769 Moss, Joseph. Election sermon, Conn. May 12, 1715.

1856 Stoddard, Anthony. Conn. election sermon, May 10, 1716.

X1878 Cutler, Timothy. Election sermon, Conn. May 9, 1717.

1906 Mather, Cotton. Speech to Samuel Shute, Gov. of Mass. 1717.

X2018 Colman, Benjamin. Blessing of Zebulun and Issachar. Sermon.  
Nov. 19, 1719.

2123 Hosmer, Stephen. Election sermon, Conn. May 12, 1720.

2216 Dummer, Jeremiah. Defense of the N.E. charters. 1721.

2232 Marsh, Jonathan. Election sermon, Conn. May 11, 1721.

Evans Vol. 1 2265 Moodey, or Moody, Samuel. Election sermon, Mass. May 31,  
1721.

X2283 Paine, Thomas. Discourse on the straits of the Province.  
1721.

2323 Burnham, William. Election sermon, Conn. May 10, 1722.

2583 Sewall, Joseph. Election sermon, Mass. May 27, 1724.

2706 Symmes, Thomas. Fight at Piggwacket. Bradford, May 16,  
1725.

X2709 Thayer, Ebenezer. Election sermon, Mass. May 26, 1725.

X2846 Byles, Mather. Poem on the death of King George I. 1727.

X2873 Foxcroft, Thomas. Funeral sermon. King George I. 1727.

2998 Breck, Robert. Election sermon, Mass. May 29, 1728.

3141 Buckingham, Thomas. Election sermon, Conn. May 9, 1728  
(printed 1729)

Vol.2 6128 Dunbar, Samuel. Artillery-election sermon, Boston, June 6,  
1748.

X4193 Ruggles, Thomas. Artillery-election sermon, Guilford,  
May 25, 1736.

X4597 Sewall, Joseph. Ninevah's repentance and deliverance.  
Dec. 3, 1740.

4598 Seward, William. Jnl. of a voyage. 1740.

X5681 Prince, Thomas. Thanksgiving sermon, July 18, 1745.

X5706 Walter, Nathanael. Character of a true patriot. 1745.

6128 Dunbar, Samuel. Artillery-election sermon, June 6, 1748.

Vol.3 X7583 Vinal, William. Sermon on the accursed thing. 1755.

7596 Williams, Solomon. Duty of Christian soldiers. 1755.

7695 Lee, Jonathan. Farewell sermon, May 23, 1756.

7874 Cogswell, James. Sermon - military co. April 13, 1757.

X8119 Emerson, Joseph. Sermon to Capt. Lawrence & Co. May 7, 1758.

X8290 Adams, Amos. Songs of victory. 1759.

X8366 Haven, Jason. Thanksgiving sermon. Nov. 23, 1758.

8729 Russell, William. Duty of an army. May 25, 1760.

X8473 Prime, Ebenezer. Importance of the divine presence with  
the armies. May 7, 1759.

X8750 Townsend, Jonathan. Sorrow turned into joy. Oct. 25, 1759.

Items for which Evans gives no locations.

Evans Vol. 3 X8770 Williams, Solomon. Thanksgiving sermon. Nov. 15, 1759.

X8871 Hall, David. Thanksgiving sermon, Oct. 9, 1760.

9101 Davies, Samuel. Religion and public spirit. Sept. 21,  
1760.

9282 Taylor, Nathanael. Praise due to God. 1762.

X9287 Treat, Joseph. Thanksgiving sermon. 1762.

X9329 Apthorp, East. Thanksgiving sermon. August 11, 1763.

9356 Brown, John. Address to the principal inhabitants. 1763.

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January 25, 1955

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Second Presbyterian Church  
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

We will have the two Pollen sermons photo-  
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Clarkson A. Collins, III  
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Dear Mr. Evert:

I have received from Mr. Savage a memorandum you were kind enough to prepare for him, and I am writing to you at once to tell you how immensely I appreciate the information which the memorandum contains. I regret to say that I will not have time to do any real research, or even much reading, in preparation for the chapter I have to write on "Presbyterian Higher Education and Human Liberty" and consequently, the facts which you have chronicled for me are literally a godsend.

As a matter of fact, I had no idea that Princeton had supplied as many cabinet members from the classes prior to 1800, nor did I realize that Princeton had supplied as many as twenty-eight members of the Continental Congress. I trust that my reference to Princeton, which will necessarily be brief, will do justice to the principal fount of liberty.

With renewed thanks, I am

Cordially yours,

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GDH:aml



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January 31, 1955

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January 26, 1955

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Inadvertently the number 492 was placed in the third paragraph of my letter to you instead of 491.

I am sending you within ten days a photostatic copy of item 491, being "The Declaration, Of The Gentlemen, Merchants, and Inhabitants of Boston, and the Countrey Adjacent."

Very truly yours,  
*Edward J. Cronin*

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Jan. 28

If it is not too late, please cancel my order for a photostatic copy of Evans 491 since I have located a reprint of it. As you noted, your letter of Jan. 20 inadvertently repeated the no. 492 and that is why I ordered that item on Jan. 24.

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Thanking you most heartily,

1/24/55



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January 20, 1955

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson  
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February 1, 1955

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am deeply indebted to Henry Savage for giving you my name, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the pamphlet on "The Political Thought of Our Colonial Clergy," together with a chapter from a projected book. I assure you that the information contained in these papers will be of great assistance to me as I begin to write my chapter about the influence of Presbyterian higher education on liberty.

With all good wishes, I am

Gratefully yours,

*Francis P. Miller*

Francis P. Miller

FPM:rsp

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February 1, 1955

The Reverend Stewart M. Robinson  
23 Kempshall Place  
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

In Mr. Shipton's absence I am writing this note to say that the Swan Printers have started on your photostat order of January 12 and expect to finish it within a few days. Of the thirty titles listed we were unable to find one, Evans 241, James Fitch's An Explanation of the Solemn Advice Recommended by the Council in Connecticut Colony, Boston, 1683. An annotation in our copy of Evans suggests that we have tried to locate this item before without success. However, there are four other locations given, including the Boston Public Library, which has photostating facilities.

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Dear Mr. Robinson:-

Mr. Shipton has referred your letter of January 14th to this department. I have also received a photostat request for you from Miss Hackett of the Boston Athenaeum.

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Dear Mr. Robinson,

It seems a good time to report on the sermon reading. I have worked some Saturday afternoons and the last 2 weeks have been helped by one of the catalogers, a total of 20 hours for 2 of us.

So far we have discovered practically nothing which seems to be of any value to you. The William Couant sermons had nothing, the same of Mc Clure's sermons and nothing in the one sermon by Benjamin Pomeroy, this being the eulogy he delivered at Elazar Wheelock's funeral. I read Asa Burton's sermons with interest, because a good deal of his preaching

was done in my home town; Thetford  
Vermont. My uncle, no longer living, studied  
his work and I hoped that the family  
might have kept some of this work, but  
my aunt says, "Ara Burton did not begin  
to warm up until about 1812-1816"

Last week in reading Samson Occom's  
sermons, I found one bit which may be  
of some interest. All these sermons are  
undated, but since he died in 1792,  
any sermon is likely to be safely within  
the period. In this sermon he gives  
his plan for collecting money, called a  
"purse" for promoting education and to  
be collected by all the churches of the presbytery.

In general I have a strong feeling  
that we are finding so little as to be  
very little use to you, in other words we  
are wasting our time and your money.  
Probably you have some picture of the  
situation: bundles and bundles of sermons  
written with unreadable writing on old

stained paper, faded ink, often merely notes. If there were any references to public questions it would be hard to find them among the steady flow of Bible quotations with references to book, chapter and verse. There is a great deal of repetition, and many pious ejaculations.

I have written this at home away from the notes we have taken. I will add anything of interest when I get back to my desk tomorrow.

3/3/55

Miss Kirkwood, my helper with this reading quotes Eleazar Wheelock in a sermon dated Lebanon (Conn.) 1742:

"That Civil <sup>g</sup>majestarcy is a Divine institution" Prov. 8, 15, 16 — Rom. 13, 1, 2.

"That God leads and governs his people by men. Ye have a Ray of that Divine power."

I regret very much that we have found nothing that even appears hopeful.

Sincerely,

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The article in the Jan. 28, 1774 issue (p. 1) appears to be part of the reply to the first series. That in the Feb. 11, 1774 issue (p. 2) by Philander is apparently of the third series. We are unable to determine which articles are by Baldwin.

Upon checking Clarence S. Brigham, History and Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820 (Worcester, Mass., American Antiquarian Society, 1947) we find that Yale University Library is the only library which appears to have a complete file covering the period; however, gaps in their holdings may not be listed. The Library of Congress has Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, 17, 1773 which we do not have; they also have good coverage of the period Jan. 14-March 1774.


Cordially,

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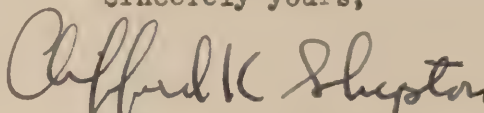
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We will tackle the result of your work in a few days. I am not using the editorial "we" as I am most anxious to have our Mr. Wainwright also read your work. He is an expert on the prerevolutionary period and I feel sure you will profit by his comments. As you no doubt know, he is now Editor of our magazine so he has the added advantage of seeing many articles, even those that do not appear in print.

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As to a possible article for our magazine the chapter, Sermons to Troops 1775-1776, might make an interesting subject. I mention this particular chapter, because I sat in on a discussion as to how much the Clergy influenced the people in general, versus the theory that sermons reflected the mood of the people. A difficult problem on which you may have some interesting information.

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As to making a sketch, the only person that we have is only good at lettering, and is not competent on a map. I think the result would be far better if your daughter came here and examined the maps that we have. In this way we can get a far better picture of what can and cannot be done.

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My opinion, however, is no doubt warped, because I am definitely allergic to numerous quotes. I believe it breaks the continuity and makes it difficult to pick up the thread of the story. In your desire to be nonsectarian you have not brought yourself into the picture enough. I think you should tell the story in your own words. In some of the cases where a quote is absolutely essential, work it more smoothly into your own text. At other times, the quote can be handled by giving it the form of a footnote.

I cannot say that I am particularly happy regarding my opinion and my criticism, for the reason that I know little about religious history. I urge you, therefore, not to take this letter too seriously. I recommend that you send your manuscript to a more competent person. I suggest for example, William L. Savage of Scribners (one of the Philadelphia Savage clan). You would not only benefit from the thoughts of a competent critic but also from a man familiar with religious history, as well as the commercial publishing field.

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We are sending the manuscript on to you, but I want to express our thanks for the opportunity of seeing it. If there is any help in any way that we can give you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

If you are ever in this vicinity around lunchtime, don't hesitate to drop in, for I would greatly enjoy seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you very much for sending us the chapter Preaching to Soldiers, 1775-1776. At least momentarily I will step out of the picture, and turn it over to our Editorial Board. I will do so without comment so that we may get an entirely fresh approach, at least to this part of your manuscript. As we are particularly busy at the present moment, it may be a couple of weeks before you hear from me.

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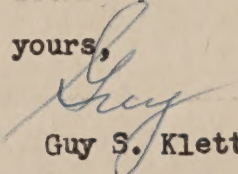
Your manuscript, "The Exscinded Paragraph," with its accompanying letter has been received and perused. It has much in the way of interesting material on an extremely interesting question. Altho I do not have the final say in the matter of the choice of material for the Journal, I should like to see it appear there, and will recommend that action. The material for the Journal is assigned for a number of issues coming up, because of the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Presbytery. But I should think that one of the later issues of 1956 would be available for such an article.

You are to be complimented on your diligent searching and unearthing of material that is of such great value for an important period of history for both Church and Nation. The chapter headings for your book indicate rather interesting coverage of the two years under consideration. I surely hope that you find a publisher. If Scribner's do not take it, I should think some university press, such as Princeton, would do it.

I shall write to you later to let you know what the committee decides in connection with your chapter.

With sincerest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your article Preaching to Soldiers, 1775 and 1776 has come back from the Editorial Committee. As I told you I did not join in their deliberations, as I did not want any of my thoughts to influence their decision. Their reaction was as follows:

They believe the topic is a very good one, but it is their opinion that you have been somewhat unfortunate in the way you handled it. They spoke at some length on the many quotes, which they did not like. They felt that it was too much of a listing of quotations which, in itself, does not make an article. Essentially it was a listing of facts and material found, but these were not developed into a thesis. They, therefore, came to the conclusion that we could not accept the article for our magazine.

I regret very much that I have to be the messenger of this unfavorable news.

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